

## **CRIME TIP NUMBER**

740-399-3959

Sheriff Shaffer encourages citizens to use the confidential crime information tip line to report suspected criminal activity, including drug activity, burglaries, child and elder abuse and welfare fraud.

## **DRUG DROP OFF BOX**

Drop off any old, expired or unused medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

The Drop Off Box is located in the lobby. Please no liquids, injectables, or inhalers. Remove all pills from their original package and place into plastic bags for easy disposal.

Drop off box promotional video <http://youtu.be/X7fN27-1BSs>

### Scam Warning

1. **I.R.S Back Tax Scam.** Caller states you are being sued by I.R.S and could possibly be arrested if you do not cooperate. Occasionally they will ask for credit card numbers to “process payment” over the phone but usually ask you to “wire” the payment.

1. **Lost Pet Scam.** Caller states that they found your lost pet and they are in another state. They will be reluctant to send you photos of your pet. If they do, it will be blurry, far away or photographs from the internet matching your pet’s description.

Sometimes you will get two calls. The first call will say they “might” have your pet and ask for a description, then they will advise it’s not the one they have. Later you will be contacted by another caller who will state they have your pet and describe your pet in detail. Any information or photos you posted can be used to describe your own pet to you. Usually you will be asked to send or “wire” money for veterinarian care, food, shipping crate, and usually shipping by air or truck fees.

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1. **You Won the Lottery Scam.** Caller states that you have won a lottery or sweepstakes. They state that you must pay taxes and/or other expenses before they can issue you the money. They will ask you to “wire” them the money immediately.

1. **Publishers Clearing House Scam.** Caller states you have won the “Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes” and they are in route to your residence with a check, new car, photographers and security. But you must pay the taxes and fees prior to their arrival, they will ask you to “wire” them the money immediately.

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1. **Arrested Relative Scam.** Caller advises he is from a law enforcement agency and your relative has been arrested and needs bond money. They may let you talk to someone pretending to be your relative but will give an excuse why they sound different. Caller can change the phone number that appears on your caller ID by use of a computer to make it appear to be an official agency. They will ask you to “wire” bond money for their release.

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1. **Fake Check Scam.** Caller will advise they want to buy an item you posted for sale. They will send an official looking check in excess of the sale price. They will advise you to cash the check immediately, take out your fee plus a little extra, and “wire” the rest to someone else. Several days later, the bank will contact you advising that the check is fraudulent.

**You are responsible for repayment to the bank.**

**It can take up to 10 business days for some checks to clear.**

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**No matter what they advise, your money can be picked up anywhere in the world.**

